

**CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Item #25

County Charter Amendments

May 19, 2026

Board of Supervisors Meeting



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Charter Amendments Comparison

Topic	Lawson-Remer Proposal	Anderson Proposal
Definitions	Consolidation of Elected and Appointive Officers Defined terms capitalized throughout document	Identical to Lawson-Remer Proposal
Suspension of Officers	"Infamous crime" replaced with "a crime that would otherwise preclude a person, if convicted, from continued employment in the ordinary course of County service"	Identical to Lawson-Remer Proposal
Fire Authority	Section 703 updated to specify that County Fire is under Chief Administrative Officer following formation of Fire Protection District	Identical to Lawson-Remer Proposal
Community Advisory Board	Renamed Community Advisory Board Board to consider purpose of advisory board and characteristics of members to ensure appointments are representative of entire County	Identical to Lawson-Remer Proposal

Charter Amendments Comparison Continued



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Topic	Lawson-Remer Proposal	Anderson Proposal
County Ethics Commission	Seven-member commission appointed by each Supervisor and County Counsel Investigates signed complaints against elected officials and may be granted subpoena power by Board	Identical to Lawson-Remer Proposal
Spending Data	Auditor and Controller to publicly post County spending data Auditor and Controller to order annual independent financial and performance audit of County spending	Identical to Lawson-Remer Proposal

Charter Amendments Comparison Continued



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Topic	Lawson-Remer Proposal	Anderson Proposal
Political Activities	Clarification that Section 914 is not intended to prohibit activities not otherwise prohibited by law	Identical to Lawson-Remer Proposal
Appointive Officers	Independent Budget Analyst and Independent Program Auditor added as officers appointed by Board Board may make Public Defender a Board appointee and add additional Board-appointed officers	Identical to Lawson-Remer Proposal except Independent Program Auditor would be elected



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Supervisor Term Limits (Sections 401.5 and 600)

Lawson-Remer Proposal

Extends Supervisors' term limits beyond the current 2 four-year term limit established by County voters

Anderson Proposal

Maintains current term limits for sitting Supervisors and applies the proposed term limit extension to future members of the Board of Supervisors

* Pursuant to Assembly Bill 428 (enacted in 2021), any proposal to limit the number of terms a member of the board of supervisors may serve on the board of supervisors shall apply prospectively only.

Term Limits for Other County Officials (Section 600)



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Lawson-Remer Proposal

Purports to impose term limits on other County Elected Officials (District Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Assessor/Recorder/Clerk) *

Anderson Proposal

Removes confusing term limit proposal because such term limits are not allowed under State law

* Term limits for these officials are not allowed under State law.

Independent Program Auditor (Sections 501, 702, 702.1 and 702.2)



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Lawson-Remer Proposal

Establishes an Independent Program Auditor that is hired and fired by, and reports directly to, Board of Supervisors

Anderson Proposal

Establishes an Independent Program Auditor that is truly independent - elected by the people and accountable to the public *

* Includes minimum qualifications for Independent Program Auditor (education, experience, certification), provides unrestricted access to allow them to perform their duties, requires peer reviews, four-year term and dismissal only for cause by a 4/5 vote of the Board

Confirmation/Removal of Appointive Officers (Section 500.4)



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Lawson-Remer Proposal

Empowers Board with authority to micromanage Chief Executive's staff – requires Board confirmation to hire leadership team and allows Board to fire appointive officers

Anderson Proposal

Prevents politicization of civil servants by protecting Chief Executive's ability to hire and dismiss administrative leadership team *

* The following County leaders would continue to report directly to the Board: Chief Administrative Officer, County Counsel, Clerk of the Board, Probation Officer and Executive Officer of In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority

Non-Interference in Purchasing & Contracting (Sections 705.3)



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Lawson-Remer Proposal

Removes language
specifically prohibiting
Board of Supervisors from
influencing or coercing
Purchasing & Contracting
staff

Anderson Proposal

Maintains a “moat” around
procurement process by
restoring language specifically
prohibiting Board of
Supervisors from influencing
or coercing Purchasing &
Contracting staff and
decisions

Non-Interference County Staff (Section 501.9)



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Lawson-Remer Proposal

Loosens limits on Board of Supervisor interactions with civil servants and allows Board to provide input on hiring and dismissal of officers and employees

Anderson Amendment

Protects civil servants from interference by politicians and provides added protection against potential interference in purchasing and contracting decisions *

* Proposed changes to Section 501.9 may also impact proposed changes to Section 705.3 per reference to this section

Election of Supervisors - Residency (Section 401)



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Lawson-Remer Proposal

Removes requirement for Supervisors to reside in the district they represent

Anderson Amendment

Requires Supervisors to live in the district they represent *

* Board informed of proposed change in May 11th Charter amendments analysis



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Conclusion

Anderson Proposal:

- Maintains most of Chair's County Charter amendments
- Removes controversial provisions, flaws and measures that appear self-serving, while protecting longstanding safeguards
- Strengthens transparency and enhances accountability
- Available to the public in time to review and provide meaningful input